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I, John Londesborough, declare and state

- 1) I am a graduate of Oxford University, England (school from which highest degree was obtained) and I received my degree in the year 1969 (year degree conferred).
- 2) I have been employed by VTT Biotechnology (place of employment) for six (number of years at place of employment) years as a Senior Scientist (position) in the field of Bioprocess Physiology (general field of research).
- 3) I am familiar with the Office Action dated July 16, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.
- 4) I am one of the inventors of the above-identified application.
- 5) I swear as follows:

6) On page 24, line 18 of the written description there appears a list of suitable enzymes whose sequences are publically available at Swissprot and the instant specification discloses how to use the sequences to obtain the genes.

7) The sequences encoding most known dehydrogenases can be found on GeneBank at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Entrez/index.html>.

8) These sequences are all readily available to the public.

9) Further, on page 24, line 24 to page 25, line 17, the instant written description describes how to find dehydrogenase pairs wherein their genes can be isolated.

I hereby declare all statements made herein of my own knowledge are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 USC §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent that issues therefrom.

9 January 2003

Dated

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Signed